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- ☐ 1. The following observations were made in FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63) in late October and early November 1949:

a. Lichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse:

(1) Northeast section:

Transient billets for troops of all branches of service. Heavy traffic was observed.

(2) Southeast section:

Occupied by an infantry unit of about 600 troops, mostly recruits. Truck [REDACTED] left the caserne for the city on 28 October 1949.

b. Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

About 75 percent occupied by units of various branches of service totaling about 450 troops, with whom artillery and tank insignia were seen. Several 88-mm AA guns, nine 120-mm mortars and one tank were in the caserne area. Troops with baggage were seen to assemble at trucks parked in the caserne yard on the morning of 28 October 1949. Truck [REDACTED] towing a field kitchen, left the caserne going towards MUELL-ROSE on the same day.

c. Horn Kaserne on Friedrich Lbertstrasse:

Since 5 November 1949, occupied to capacity by about 600 troops of tank and motor transport units when the units returned from maneuvers.

d. Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse:

Occupied by about 500 troops of SP artillery and infantry units. Maintenance work was done on two S' guns on 28 October 1949.

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e. Artillery Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse, near Westkreuz:

Occupied by AA units of about 1,500 troops, including recruits. Nine 76.2-mm AA guns were observed there on 28 October 1949. Forty 76.2-mm AA guns and 18 37-mm AA guns were previously seen in the Kaserne.

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f. Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalderpoststrasse:

Occupied to capacity by about 600 troops of tank and artillery units since 4 November 1949, when some of the troops returned from maneuvers. Six 76.2-mm AT guns were observed in the Kaserne area on 28 October 1949.

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g. Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaumuchlenstrasse:

Lightly occupied by about 150 troops. One 76.2-mm gun and 10 trucks were parked near an armory on 28 October 1949.

h. Kommandatura in the former labor office:

Occupied by about 100 kommandatura personnel wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Passenger cars were seen in front of the building.

2. The following observations were made in FRANKFURT/Oder on 4 November 1949:

a. Artillery Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 troops;

b. Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse (between Wissmannstrasse and Goethestrasse):

Thirty-seven T34 tanks, coming from the west and assembling in Fuerstenwalderpoststrasse, moved into the partly destroyed Kaserne which has an estimated quartering capacity of 400 to 500 troops.

c. Former Heeres-Zeugamt (ordnance depot):

Transient billets for troops of all branches of services

d. Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalderpoststrasse:

Lightly occupied by tank troops, with the unit from the Kaserne allegedly staying in LIEBHOF (N 52/A 49). Twelve trucks, filled with troops and towing AT guns, were seen entering the Kaserne area.

e. Ziehen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

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Occupied to capacity by artillery units. Five 87-mm
and three 76.2-mm AA guns were seen in front of the barracks.

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Comment:

The report confirms information on rail movements in early November 1949, which indicated that the FRANKFURT/Oder units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) returned from the LIEBETROSE training area at that time. Similar observations were made in FUERNSTENWALDE.

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